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SUBJECT: FY 05 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINEE FOR MRP
"U.S. TRADE AND THE WORLD ECONOMY I", OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER
18, 2004.

PROJECT NO. E/VM-2005-0004

REF: COLOMBO 00765

1. Post nominates Dushni "Weerakoon", Research Fellow,
Institute of Policy Studies, for participation in subject
project. Post confirms that this nomination has "full
country team approval."

2. Nomination is as follows:

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October 28-November 18, 2004

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PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

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This nomination is in support of MPP goals on "Economic
Growth and Development "

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ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Economics (General)

START BIO:

PREFIX: Dr.

F-NAME: Dushni

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Weerakoon

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 113

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BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
START MEMO POSITION:
Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), August
1994- to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
International Trade Consultant, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok October-
December 1997
(assisted in writing of report on "Economic and Social
Survey of Asia and the Pacific 1998")
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
1986-94 - U.K.: For studies
1997 - (three months) Bangkok, Thailand: Consultant at UN-
ESCAP
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
B.Sc. in Econ. with First Class Honors, Queen's University
of Belfast, Northern Ireland, U.K., 1989;
MA (Econ) in Development Economics, University of
Manchester, U.K., 1990;
Ph.D. in Economics, University of Manchester, U.K., 1994

END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Member, Sri Lanka Economists Association
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
Editor, "Sri Lanka Economic Journal"
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Dean Thompson
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Dr. Weerakoon is attached to the Institute of Policy
Studies (IPS), a leading think tank in Colombo and is
currently in full time employment with the GSL's Regaining
Sri Lanka and FTA initiatives. She has published
extensively on subjects related to international finance
and international trade covering WTO, Globalization, South
Asian regional cooperation, openness of the Sri Lankan
economy, capital account liberalization, and implications
of MFA withdrawal. She has also authored several research
publications of the Government of Sri Lanka and several
international institutions in Japan, India, and Bangladesh.
Dr. Weerakoon, a much sort after speaker at various
seminars organized by the Economists Association and the
Central Bank, is the editor of the SRI LANKA ECONOMIC
JOURNAL (journal of the Sri Lanka Economic Association) and
the Managing Editor of the SOUTH ASIA ECONOMIC JOURNAL -
Sage Publications, New Delhi. She is one of the key
speakers at usual post (GSL) budget seminars in Colombo and
has presented papers at various international seminars.
Being one of the most respected economic analysts in Sri
Lanka, and with excellent academic record and extensive
research experience, Dr. Weerakoon is a key player in Sri
Lanka's economic/trade policy formulation. Due to her
current role in the FTA preparation process, Dushni is an
ideal candidate for the MRP on "US Trade Policy and the
World Economy."
This nomination has "full Country Team approval."

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: Econ
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MEDIA?: No
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HOME-HOSP?: Yes

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COMMISSION: 0
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